

THAT WHICH IS CLAIMED:

1. A fitting for a vehicle seat having a seat component and a backrest, the fitting comprising:
  - 5 fitting parts mounted for there being relative rotation therebetween, wherein the fitting parts are for allowing the backrest to pivot relative to the seat component from a first position, in which the backrest extends upright from the seat component so that a user can sit in the seat, to at least one other position selected from a reclining position and a table position, with the reclining position being achieved by pivoting the backrest away from the first position by pivoting the backrest in a first direction relative to the seat component, and the table position being achieved by pivoting the backrest away from the first position by pivoting the backrest in a second direction relative to the seat component, with the first and second directions being opposite from one another; and
  - 10 a pawl that is pivotably borne on a first fitting part of the fitting parts and releasably cooperates with:
    - a first locking element of a second fitting part of the fitting parts to lock the fitting in the first position, and
    - 15 a second locking element of the second fitting part to lock the fitting in the other position,
  - 20 wherein the pawl is arranged in a locking position while the pawl locks the fitting in the first position, and the pawl is also arranged in said locking position while the pawl locks the fitting in the other position.
- 25 2. A fitting according to Claim 1, further comprising safety elements for securing the pawl in said locking position while the pawl locks the fitting in the first position, with the same safety elements securing the pawl in said locking position while the pawl locks the fitting in the other position.
- 30 3. A fitting according to Claim 1, further comprising an activation element for unlocking the fitting from the first position, with the same activation element unlocking the fitting from the other position.

4. A fitting according to Claim 1, wherein the first locking element is a first bolt, and the second locking element is a second bolt.

5 5. A fitting according to Claim 1, wherein:  
a first mouth of the pawl receives the first locking element to lock the fitting in the first position, and  
a second mouth of the pawl receives the second locking element to lock the fitting in the other position.

10 6. A fitting according to Claim 5, wherein the first and second mouths, with respect to the pivoting movement of the pawl, are respectively open in different directions.

15 7. A fitting according to Claim 1, wherein:  
the first locking element is positioned so that when the backrest is pivoted to the first position, the first locking element comes into contact with the pawl and moves the pawl into said locking position of the pawl so that the first locking element and the pawl cooperate with one another and thereby lock the fitting in the first position, and  
20 the second locking element is positioned so that when the backrest is pivoted to the other position, the second locking element comes into contact with the pawl and moves the pawl into said locking position of the pawl so that the second locking element and the pawl cooperate with one another and thereby lock the fitting in the other position.

25 8. A fitting according to Claim 1, wherein the fitting is in combination with the vehicle seat, the first fitting part is mounted to the seat component, and the second fitting part is mounted to the backrest, with the second fitting part being mounted for pivoting relative to the first fitting part, for allowing the backrest to pivot relative to the seat component at least between the first position and the other position.

9. A fitting according to Claim 2, further comprising an activation element for unlocking the fitting from the first position, with the same activation element unlocking the fitting from the other position.

5 10. A fitting according to Claim 2, wherein the first locking element is a bolt, and the second locking element is a bolt.

11. A fitting according to Claim 3, wherein the first locking element is a bolt, and the second locking element is a bolt.

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12. A fitting according to Claim 2, wherein:  
a first mouth of the pawl receives the first locking element to lock the fitting in the first position, and  
a second mouth of the pawl receives the second locking element to lock the fitting in the other position.  
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13. A fitting according to Claim 12, wherein the first and second mouths, with respect to the pivoting movement of the pawl, are respectively open in different directions.

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14. A fitting according to Claim 3, wherein:  
a first mouth of the pawl receives the first locking element to lock the fitting in the first position, and  
a second mouth of the pawl receives the second locking element to lock the fitting in the other position.  
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15. A fitting according to Claim 14, wherein the first and second mouths, with respect to the pivoting movement of the pawl, are respectively open in different directions.

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16. A fitting according to Claim 4 wherein:  
a first mouth of the pawl receives the first bolt to lock the fitting in the first position, and

a second mouth of the pawl receives the second bolt to lock the fitting in the other position.

17. A fitting according to Claim 16, wherein the first and second mouths, 5 with respect to the pivoting movement of the pawl, are respectively open in different directions.

18. A fitting according to Claim 17, wherein:

the first locking element is positioned so that when the backrest is pivoted to 10 the first position, the first bolt comes into contact with the pawl and moves the pawl into said locking position of the pawl so that the first mouth of the pawl is in receipt of the first bolt and thereby the fitting is locked in the first position, and

15 the second bolt is positioned so that when the backrest is pivoted to the other position, the second bolt comes into contact with the pawl and moves the pawl into said locking position of the pawl so that the second mouth of the pawl is in receipt of the second bolt and thereby the fitting is locked in the other position.

19. A fitting according to Claim 5, wherein:

the first locking element is positioned so that when the backrest is pivoted to 20 the first position, the first locking element comes into contact with the pawl and moves the pawl into said locking position of the pawl so that the first mouth of the pawl is in receipt of the first locking element and thereby the fitting is locked in the first position, and

25 the second locking element is positioned so that when the backrest is pivoted to the other position, the second locking element comes into contact with the pawl and moves the pawl into said locking position of the pawl so that the second mouth of the pawl is in receipt of the second locking element and thereby the fitting is locked in the other position.

30 20. A fitting according to Claim 19, wherein the first and second mouths, with respect to the pivoting movement of the pawl, are respectively open in different directions.